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For : OPTIMIZATION OF ABUTTED-PIN HIERARCHICAL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed 10/01/2002, please consider and enter the following arguments for the above captioned patent application.

Since February 1, 2003 and February 2, 2003 fall on a weekend, the one month extension period expires on February 3, 2003.